HARD TIMES IN BERLIN.

ALL CLASSES OF RUSINESS DEPRESSED. SCANTY HOLIDAY, SALES BY SHOPKEEPERS-

EMPRESS FREDERICK'S CHARITABLE

Borlin, Dec. 24.—The stagnation in business here ing have tended to make the week preceding Christmas, usually characterized by bustle in business affaits. reidents. This was the brightest day of the week, and there was a slight trest. The sunshine and brache air brought out crowds of sightseers, who throught the streets, gazing at the displays in the shop windows, but tuying little. According to the shonkeeners, their toliday sales were never before so smail. The con-taint of hard times is heard everywhere. Even the cathler classes appear to be affected by the depression. The outlook for improvement in any branch of trade is exceedingly shoomy. Commercial and financial circles afte take a pessimistic view of the situation. Operstors on the bourse have lost their usual daring. Bourse transactions are overshadowed by fears of polideal convolutions in France and disturbed by the con dition of home affairs arising from the Army bill. The new projects for taxation, especially the one regard-

The Socialist papers seize upon the occasion to comment upon the misery that is prevailing among the working classes. The "Vorwaerts" publishes a Christmas article, in which it expatintes upon the frightful sufferings of the poor throughout Germany. Though the article is written in the customary style of Socialist exampression, it has a large basis of fact. While charity is abundant, it is badly overnized, and relief

EMPRESS FREDERICK'S CHARITABLE WORK. Prominent among those who are working to alleviste the meery of the poor is Emeress Frederick, the mother of Emperor William. Every day throughout the week she has been engaged in some work of kindness. Yestertay she spent several hones at the Fried-richsham Hospital. She presided at the distribution of Christmas presents, of which she was a large contributor. In the children's ward she went to every cot and gave to each occupant some plaything and a the Legatton to the children by American women here. Today a splendid arroy of Christmas trees was lighted palace at Potsdam; but the voung princes will not be allowed to bouch the ornaments or dainties, all

THE REAPPEARANCE OF CHOLERA AT HAMBURG. the authorities to order a renewal of the precautions heretofore taken to check the spread of the disease. The Emperor has directed that regular daily reports regarding the disease be sent to him. The recent water in the Elbe are said to have been factors in the present outbreak. A discussion held by the German Rygicule Society on the subject of cholera elicited the concurrent opinion from experts that there will be another outbreak of the disease in the spring.

Russian Government has summoned a Congress of 300 tectors, of whom 156 are from cholera-infected districts. This congress will sit for eight days, and will prepare a report on the measures to be adopted to meet the expected recurrence of the epidemic in the Russian domnions.

The Frei imige papers continue to be honorably distinguished by their efforts to restrain the Judendisinguished by their energy offer in 1863 to supply hetze. Besiles Krupp's offer in 1863 to supply hapoleon with cannon, it has been discovered that Schering's chemical factory in Berlin supplied the French Government, in 1866, with large quantities of pieric sold, watch was used in the manufacture of Her Holz, a member of the Reichstag and director of the works, told Prince Bismarck that France was ordering pieric acid, whereupon the Prince said: "Go on and take all the money you possibly can out of the French." Despite this knowledge, how-, the Conservitive and Catholic papers do not abate the'r inciting of the people against the Hebrews, basing their articles almost entirely upon the fact that Herr Loewe, who happens to be a Hebrew, admits that he offered through General Boulanger, then French Minister of War, to supply France with the plant

The "Stattsburger Zeliung," recalling the saying of the King of Prussia in regard to Meverbeer's opera. cut each others' throats while a Jew supplies t music," adds that a war is near in which the peoples of Europe will mussacre each other, the Hebrews supplying the arms.

INSISTING THAT THE ARMY BILL MUST PASS. Chanceller von Caprivi's organs reiterate that the Army bill must be passed intact or the Reichstag will be dissolved. This menace is the strongest weapon of the Government. Many members of the Reichstag are quaking at the prospect of a general election, through which the Socialists and members of the Freisinnige party alone are likely to benefit. Herr Richter and other leaders of the Freisinnige party will devote the Parliamentary recess to celebrating their expected triumph over the bill. The "Vorwnerts," the Socialist organ, warrs them that their jubilation is somewhat premature. LEIS SEVERITY REGARDING AMERICAN PORK

Further experiments made by the Imperial Health Office have led to the conclusion that pork and hams that are thoroughly salted or smoked are safe agains Hence the measures to reinspect American pack will be applied with less severity.

PORTRAITS OF COLUMNUS FOR THE FAIR. Mr. Edwards, the American Consul-General here, will send to the Chicago Columbian Exhibition a por trait of Columbus, which is now in possession of a noble Silesian family, and another of the "Great Admiral" surrounded by sallors, which is the work of a German

SORRY TO PART WITH MINISTER PHELPS. The "Strasser Post," in an article inspired by the Foreign Office, deplores the approaching resignation of William Watter Phelps, the American Minister to Ger-many. The paper refers to the condinity of the rela-tions existing between Mr. Phelps and the Foreign Office.

JOINING THE BALTIC AND THE NORTH SEA Minister Marschall von Bieberstein, in an official report presented to the Reichster, announces that the canal between the Baltic and the North Sea will be completed in 1895.

ROBBERY AND MURDER BY BANDITS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.-A tragedy is reported from Zimilkol, a small town near Vladi-Kaykas, in the Timitani, a small town near visit stays, in the formal strucked the house of the parish priest and besides plannering the dwelling, mardened the priest's wife and child. The police are pursuing the outlaws, who have taken refuge in the woods.

THE GENERAL OF THE JESUITS IN DUBLIN. Dublin, Dec. 24.-Father Martin, the new General of the Jesuits, is visiting Dublin on business connected with the order.

"THE LONDON GLOBE" OFFICES BURNED OUT. London, Dec. 24.—A fire broke out this morning in the machine-room of "The Globe," the oldest evening newspaper in London, the offices of which were at No. 367 Strand, W. C. The flames spread rapidly, and, despite the efforts of the firemen and the employes of the paper, communicated to the com-posing-rooms, the editorial-rooms and the sterestype foundry, all of which were completely gutted. The first edition of the paper, which is issued at I o'clock was being prepared when the flames were first discovered. It was impossible to get the paper out at the sual hour, but the later editions were i-sued as usual, the matter being prepared and the paper printed at the offices of "The People," where "The Globe" offices will be temporarity. The loss on ma-chinery, presses, type, etc., is heavy.

MRS. LANGTRY SAID TO BE OUT OF DANGER. London, Dec. 24.—There was much anxiety last night when it was announced that Mrs. Langtry had suffered a relapse. But this was removed to-day, when her physicians issued a bulletin stating that dusing the early hours of the morning her fever had abated, and she showed signs of returning strength, The bulletin added that the crisis had passed and that Mrs. Languy was out of danger.

FRANCO-SWISS TRADE TREATY REJECTED. Paris, Dec. 24.-In the Chamber of Deputies today Premier Ribot made a speech urging that the Chamber give favorable consideration to the demands of Switzerland for tariff reduction, with a view of fostering friendly relations with the neighboring Re-Public. M. Ribot's recommendation was received with mingled murmurs and applicate. The Chamber LOUISVILLE, KY. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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was, however, opposed to any concession, and the Swiss Convention was rejected by a vote of 335 to

LITTLE MONEY FOR AFRICAN RESCUES. Brussels, Dec. 24.-The fund for the expedition t anti-slavery stations, in view of the expected troubles, has reached only 25,000 francs, although King Leopold headed the list with 10,000 francs. The sum of 200,000 francs was asked for immediate use, and 150,000 francs was desired later. It is unlikely that the amount required will be subscribed.

onstration. The mob was dispersed without any rere held a conference to-day with Foreign Minister Anchorena. Congress immediately afterward held a secret session relating to Chill. Minister Guerrere is preparing a reply to the charge that he tried to bribe Argentine officials. Feeling runs high and the more hot-headed cuemies of Chili call roudly

THE RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF WORK.

A SUMMARY OF THE AID SENT BY THE AMERI CAN PEOPLE TO THE STARVING PEASANTS.

Washington, Dec. 24.-Ex-Governor John W. Hoyt, chairman of the Russian Pamine Relief Committee of the United States, has furnished to the press a report of the relief offered by America to the suf

In part:

The famine, as the world now knows, was one of the most appelling in all history, embracing a population of some 20.000,000, and appravated by the flerecases of a winter almost unparalleled. It was therefore a challenge to the entire Christian world. The flist of our people whose fortune it was to see their way to practical results were naturally enough the farmers and millers of the great Northwest. But, as was fitting, the first unbile out toward relief that could home to arrive the attention of the whole Nation was by the Chief Medistrate, who immediately upon learning something wholly reliable both as to the famine and as to the attitude of the Russian Government, on January 5, sent his mes

of mercy; the State of Minnesota, under the leadership of Governor Merriam and the commission; the State of Iowa. Governor Meritam and the commission; the State of lows, moved in like manner by Governor Boles, supported by no less efficient staff, as well as by the lova Woman's Auxiliary to the Red Coins; the city of New-York, by initiation of the Chamber Commerce, and under direction of a committee of its appointment, led by the officers of the Chamber, and at length reinforced by nil the energies of "The Christian Herald"; the State of Pennsylvania, with Governor Pattleon as initiator, but at length more especially the city of Philadelphia, with its Citicon's Russian Famine Relief Commission, headed by Mayor Stuart. There were also other important centres of active and successful operations, with purposes of co-operation only. The railfway corporations, realizing the situation, had begun to offer free transportation, and in such quick succession that it at the observable of the subtless that the succession that it at the observable of the subtless that the succession that it at the observable of the subtless that these arrises must have extracted enjoyment from the mere direction given to the needle, the lines have in themselves such beauty, their modulations, their variety in force, touch an emotional chord in the sensitive spectator. But Rembrandi's line has power rather than charm, it is admired for the truth with which it expresses none-thing else rather than for the indefinable beauty residing in it, if indeed it has that beauty. He made it the sensitive appearances which reveal inner truths which the art of citching has known. The vitality of his figures must be userlised in equal

tinder the inspiration of this encouragement. Mingresors undertook to load the steamship Missouri, and the lowal Commission to furnish a cargo for the first available ship, while Philadelphia, having been generously offered the steamship Indiana, by the International Company, was moving with energy to send her forth in the shortest possible time. The other State and local authorates were also quickened by this new prospect of important results before the philodelphia company which the Christ is placed. aise quickened by this new prospect of important results and worked with renewed force. The Philadelphia committee resolved, on April 18, to send out another ship. The response of the International Company was the free offer of the Conemaugh; and the other helpers of all classes showed equal readiness. On April 23 the Conemaugh, laden with 2,052,73 tons of valuable stores, salled for Riga. It was lown's turn next, and on May 23 the Tynchead cleared from New-York for Riga. Done more the proprietors of "The Christian Heraid" and the Rev. Dr. Talmage, Editor, had caught the infection. The steamship Leo was chartered, loaded with 2,130,800 pounds of flour, and on Jone 11 left has recording at Europkyn (or the capital of the Russian Russian).

The total amount of money forwarded was in excess of \$100,000, and it is said that various sums yet remain to the where to place his marvellous lights to the best adhands of committees and other agencies. Should this be vanitage. It is this end the polymency of his feeling further relieving the eadly crippled condition of peasan

COLLISION ON A NEW-JERSEY HOAD. Burlington, N. J., Dec. 24.-There was a collision this morning at Burlington Junction. The engine of a heavy freight train came into collision with the smoking car of the Mt. Holly passenger train. passenger train was pretty full. Among the passenger were the members of "The Country Cousin" theatrica company, which had given a performance at Mt. Holly last night, and which was on its way here to play tonight. The engineer of the freight train disregarded the danger signal which was shown, and crashed into the smoking car of the Mt. Holly train. The smoking car was knocked over on its side and demolished. The passengers were badly frightened and some of them slightly injured. A number of wonder ful escapes are recorded. Panic prevailed for the time but the train hands and those passengers who wer cool assisted in rescuing the others. As all of the occupants of the smoking car were men, the confusion was not as great as would have resulted had it been one of the other passenger conches. One man was pinned under the wreck for two hours before he could be extricated.

LOSS OF LIFE 10 SHEEP ALONE.

Denver, Dec. 24.-Further particulars received ere about the Santa Fe accident near La Junia, Col. on Friday morning are as follows: A Raymond and Whitcomb excursion train composed of eight Pullman sleeping cars was returning eastward from Callfornia when at the point named the train run into a stock train going in the same direction. The englneer of the passenger engine reversed his engine as soon as was possible, but not quick enough to prevent a collision. The engine jammed into the caboose of the freight train, crashing it. The three car ahead of it, containing sheep, were wrecked. In one car all of the sheep were killed. The total damage o the railroad company is estimated at about \$20, 000. The sleeping cars were not badly damaged. Only three persons were in rel-the conductor of the freight train, one stockman and the engineer of the passenger train. All are slightly hort.



ONE ENJOYS

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THE VANDERBILT PRINTS.

REMBRANDT, DURER AND OTHERS. The exhibition at the Fine Arts Society's hullding tion of prints loaned for the occasion by Mr. George Vanderbilt. It would be indeed fortunate if the works produced Sir Joshua's paintings in mezzotint could rethe exhibition of the Architectural League, for D them the highest genius of the chalcographic arts is expressed, they illustrate the most unique achievements of the needle and the nurin, if not of the scraper, as tion in this city. The representation of Rembrands and Durer is complete in all essentials, and Mr. Van sions of nearly every plate. He has relies of all the great European collections, the Avissford, Buccieng's, and others of equal fame.

he width of his range is illustrated outlers fully in his color is absent-there is color, of course, in a sense, in his etchings-but the distinguiling note in Rembrandt's sympathy, of piercing insight into life, and as he com ed a genius for chlaroscuro with as remarkable a targe piece of canvas. The elder Dumas is said to have remarked that for the making of a play he needed only needed nothing more for the making of a great work of act than a plate six inches square, more or less, accessity was that whether low or exalted it should be aturated with human significance. There is nothing nore remarkable about the plates in Mr Vanderblit's collection-they number between two high three dandred—than their inexhaustible Another play is in preparation, however, a interest as psychological records. You will find put on the stage as soon as it is needed, Rembrandt lingering over picture-queness once in a while. In the foreground of the great design of "The Descent from the Cross" there is a pompous individual whose rich turban and cloak appear to have commanded the etcher's most loving care, but without a single exception his aim is to express the meaning of his composition and the character of Sage to Congress.

Upon the failure of the Government to afford relief, each figure in it. For him truly "the upholsterer was no pontiff," and underneath the trappings he Upon the failure of the Government to adord relief, the people of the Northwest redoubled their energy. By December 30, a million and a half pounds of flour had been subscribed. Still, the people of the country generally were slow to move in any important way; and therefore it was that steps were now taken to form a National Committee, composed of eminent citizens, which issued a his manner, between his thought and his manner, between his thought and his feedbined by the nature of his citized toward. There were four great centres of activity, each moved. In the nature of his attitude toward life to see clearly, to come close to the actual facts and to value them for what they were worth and no more, and this unflinching point of view seems to have impelled him to the most direct, economic

vitality of his figures must be ascribed in equal measure to the boundlessness of his sympathy and

in him is the sixth state of other Lord Before Phase. In the first states of this etching tigures are crowded before the platform upon which the Christ is placet. and the effect of the design is scattered. In the worked out, and the central figure is given a thousand times more importance. An instinct attainments, a composition that is really a composition belanced, cumulative, fitted to emphasize a single point, and yet absolutely natural, unstrained. The "Ecce Homo" plate, "The Descent from the Cross,"
"The Resurrection of Lazarus," these and others are carse featured, unlovely beings they were the corner tone of his art would have been destroyed had he atempted to do so-but he could preserve their pathos, the magic of his illumination. The figures in "The Flight into Egypt," in the "Christ Preaching" and n "The Angel Ascending from Tobit and His Family" are unutterably earthy, but in each case the play of light carries the work into the realm of imaginative art. And there is no jugglery in his distribution of light; it is the outcome of his simple, direct genius, as the line of which we have spoken. To return to he latter. The Vanderblit collection contains per mps the best examples of its revealing character, in a order of proofs of the portraits of himself and of thers which Rembrandt executed. It was in following the modelling of a face, of a hand, in picturing the texture and ripple of hair that the etcher's needle semed to have obeyed his will to the production of the most marvellous effects. "The Great Jewish Bride," "Young Hawring," "An Old Man with a Large Beard Lifting His Hand to His Cap," "Bust of an Old Man with a Long Beard," "A Young Weman with a Headdress of Pearls," "Rembrandt Leaning on a Stone mastery of line, a mastery which, we may add, by Harry Saint-Maur, David Elmer, Joseph Foster and sore than either chiarescure or sentiment the source

of his success in landscape. Rembrandt had a distinct advantage over Durer Enjoying the technical ease and license of etching, he could inform his line with his quick, observant inellect, his warm temperament; he could make it personal and expressive of what he was-an etcher was also a painter. Handling the engraver's tool Durer made his line scutpturesque in feeling; he could not made his line sculpturesque in feeding; he could not be otherwise than cautious, carefully constructive, classic in tendency. This may sound like a paradox, for that which is classic is necessarily simple, and the most obvious of Durer's characteristics is a complex term of mind, but that, it must be remembered, touched the style of his designs; the quality of his line remains, because of its simplicity and purity, as classic as the draughtsmansing of an artist like lingres. There is a carious contrast between Durer's method, which was parity forced upon him and parity determined by his preference, and the character of his designs. His magnation was more accentric than Rembiumat's. He laved mystery, symbolism he paid a specularity thought into this celebrated a Melanchollar sach a the Dutchman never knew, and, although his print.

the perfection, and the character of his besides the magination was more eccentric than Rembrands. He have dispersion through this bits celebrated "Melancholis" such though this bits celebrated "Melancholis" such the Dutchman never knew, and, although his principle, there be et a stylin of "The Apocalype and of "The Pass" of the Virgin" are painfully realistic, there be et a stylin of inferise, mystle feeling in them. Beneath his firm that, beneath the rooting uglines of many of his figures, there is discreted an impulse to soar. Held down to select the telegraph of the third of the telegraph of telegraph of the telegraph of the telegraph of the telegraph of telegraph of the telegraph of the telegraph of the telegraph of telegraph of the telegraph of the telegraph of telegraph of the telegraph of the telegraph of telegrap

TOUL GAS FATAL TO TWO MINERS. Massoutah, Ill., Dec. 24,-J. M. Kidd, mine box and Elmer Rosenberry and Alfred Simon, workmen went into an unused portion of a coal mine at Alma, this county, yesterday to see about proposel improvements. All three were soon overcome by foul gas. Although taken from the mine in a short time, the two workmen were dead and it is doubtful if the bess will recover.

PLAYS AT CHRISTMAS.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENTS AMONG THE CITY THEATRES.

The public appreciation of "As You Like It," as resented by Augustin Daly's company, has seemed a justify its continuance for another week. The 100th performance of it at this theatre will be given next Thursday night, and the last performance, for the present, on Saturday night. On Monday, January 2, two performances of "The Hunchback" will be given, and the next night, Tuesday, Mr. Daly will offer the third production of his old-comedy season, a double bill, consisting of "The Belle's Stratagem," in for the first time, and a new one-act place called "The Knave," in which Miss Reban will also appear.

morrow as Julia in "The Hunchback," this being he first appearance at the head of her own company in will be given in the course of her stay.

will no longer be pitted against each other as rivals. "Robin Hood" has left the field for a time, reluctantly, it must be admitted, and "The Fencing Master," which remains at the Casino, stands alone. It will not gain by the withdrawal of its rival, because it never suffered from its rivalry. Both could apparently go on in definitely, and "The Fencing Master" is the one that

There will be nine performances a week at the Lyceum Theatre for the next two weeks. Special matinees will be given to-morrow and a week from days and Saturdays, "Americans Abroad" will probably Another play is in preparation, however, and will be

The Lillian Russell Opera Company will begin the winter season of opera at the Garden Theatre to-morrow night, opening with Audran's "La Cigale." The work will be made interesting by the addition of Marion, Miss Lillian Bussell; Chevaller Franz, C. Hayden Coffin; Vincent, William T. Carleton; Matthew Vanderkoopen, Louis Harrison; Duke of Favensberg, Tarles Dung in ; Mendicant, James G. Peakes; Duchess

Nat C. Goodwin's long and prosperous season at more performances remain. When it is finally with-drawn, in consequence of the expiration of Mr. Goodwin's term at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, it will have een played in this city sixty times. The company will not be seen again in New-York after this week

continuing during Christmas and New Year's weeks, Mr. Rosenquest will present at the Fourteenth Street the Hantons' latest pantomimic spectacle New Superba." It will be the first production of the piece in this city, and as a Christmas pantomime it should be interesting. Since "Superba" was destroyed scenery, costumes, magical tricks and transformations Superba" is an elaborate and dazzling pageant. There are two transformations. One is called the "Ship of Hoses" and the other "The Genius of America."

ppearance at the Amberg Theatre to-morrow night Bird Fancler," which was given at the Casino a year ago in a shortenest form called "The Tyrolean." The leading part in it, which was then sung by Miss Marte Tempest, will now be sang by a man, as was originally.

and a little more to remain at Palmer's Theatre. It announced that it will be withdrawn February, its run being thus limited by Mr. Palmer's arrangement to bring back his stock company to New York at that time. It was originally intended to make the change next month, but the plan was aftered in order to give "Aristocracy" as long a

John Drew's engagement in "The Mashed Ball" at the Standard Theatre will end in four weeks. On Wednesday evening the 100th performance of "The be tracefully decorated and a souvenir will be pres it will be a handsome engraving of Mr. Drew, which will be more valuable from the fact that the actor has affixed his autograph to each one of them.

At the Grand Opera House to-morrow night, Miss Annie Pixley, who is niways a welcome visitor to the ters of that theatre, will appear in " Miss Blythe. of Duluth," a play by W. B. Gill. She will introduce event songs. In the company are Miss Lulu Klein, Miss Genevieve Benfman, Miss Anna Douglas, Fred erick sackett, Harry B. Bell, Fred J. Butler and

Joseph Brennan.
Only such lapses of public interest as are to be expected in the week before Christmas have been expected at Harrigan's Theatre. The revival of an old piece, like "The Mulligan Guards' Ball," is always omething of an experiment, but Mr. Hanley expresses himself as quite satisfied with the result so far. "The Crust of Society," William Seymour's adapta

tion of Dumas's " Demi Monde," will be presented in his city for the first time at the Christmas matines to morrow at the Union Square Theatre. This play has been given at the Globe Theatre, Boston, and since on the road. The characters are assumed by Joseph Haworth, Edgar L. Davenport and Joseph E. Whiting, Misses Carrie Turner, Jane Stuart, Helen Kinnaird, Edythe Proctor and Jane Lovejoy.

Lewis Morrison will appear in "Faust" at the Harlem Opera House this week, beginning with the matines to morrow afternoon. Features of the production will be the singing of the Nuremberg Cathedral choir in the church scene of the first act and the apotheosis at

the close of the Bith act. Tony Pastor's programme for this week will be in Recpling with the senson, and will consist of Miss Vesta Victoria in new songs and dances; Miss Bonnie Thornton, J. M. Kelly, William Henry Rice, who appears for the first time in five years; Miss Lillie Western in entertaining musical act; Monroe and Mack, Petrie of sterling quality, in most attractive and Elise in their skeich, "Tassing a Toll-Gate"; the youngest megician in the world, Master Eddie Abbott; the Emery sisters, duetists; aerobatic sketches by the Whitings, and Mile. Morello with her performing dogs Christmas week will open with a matine to-morrow and there will be the regular Tuesday and Friday

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ion to extend it to Mr. Mason. They will continu to play "If I Were You" and "The Army Surgeon," and

everal new songs will be introduced this week.

A kind of dim appropriateness to the senson is to b as appreciative audiences at the Academy of Music this week, as it has had all through its long run. For some reason or other thentre-goers seem to enjoy see Christmas than at any other time, and "The Black Crook" gives opportunities for the indulgence of this

"The Prodigal Father" will remain at the Broad way Theatre for one week longer, and Carmencity will continue to introduce her Spanish dances, which present attraction will be followed by "The New Broadway affords a programme which is one of the best that have been offered thus far. Among others the following artists have been secured: Willis P. bweatmann, R. J. Jose, Raymond Moore, radwin French, Merk Smillvan, John Coleman, Miss Billian Lamson, Miss Bessie Cleveland, Miss Tiora Irwin and J. H. Kelly.

French, Mark Sullivan, John Coleman, Miss Lillian Lamson, Miss Bessie Cleveland, Miss Tiora Irwin and J. II. Kelly.

The Week will begin at the Manhattan Opera House, as at the other theatres, with a special noilday matinee to-morrow afternoon. Thomas Q. Seabrooke and his company continue to sing "The Isle of Champagne" and to draw good audiences of the people who like such things.

The weekly tale is to be told of the continued run of "A Trip to Chingtown" at the Madison Square Theatre. At the matinee to-morrow some unknown viand with a French name will be served to all ladles present. Curiosity as to its exact nature can probably be satisfied only by attending the performance.

"A Society Fud" has proceeded quietly and pleasantly at the Bijou Theatre, and will begin its fourth week with the special mathee of to-morrow. Numerous changes will be made in the piece and numerous changes will be introduced in honor of the segson.

"The Interlaken Trip Muhlemann, from the Winter

merous specialties will be introduced in nonor of the season.

The Interlaken Trio Muhlemann, from the Winter Garden, Berlin, will make its first appearance in America at Koster & Blal's to-morrow night. Marie Vanoni, who has been a star at this house for several months, will make her final appearance on Saturday evening next. On the same date the Edoardos, grotesque dancers, will close their American eugogement. For New-Year's week an entire change of programme will be made at this house; the prominent features will be the first appearance in America of Mile. Volette, "chantense excentraque." from the Folies Bergeres, and of Marinelli, said to be a wonderful contortionist from the Nouveau Cirque. Parls, On the same evening two new operettas, Offenbach's masterpiece "Orpheus." arranged by Fred Solomon, and belline's "The Miller's Daughter." will be seen for the first time in America. At the concert to-night au excellent array of sololsis will be heard.

heard. At the Imperial Music Hall Gus Hill's co

At the Imperial Music Hall Gus Hill's company will appear this week. James Thornton will remain and so will Fleurette, Kins-Ners and Harry Kennedy. Hill's company is composed of Miss Lottle Glisch, Leonard and Flynn, the Marvellous Harty, the Dillon brothers, "the Great Ragesen," Baldwin and Daly, Harris and Walters, Estelle Wellinton, Bryant and Laville, Marion and Bell, Van Leer and Barton, Ross and Noble, end the club swinger, this Hill. The "Flye A's" have arranged an excellent programme for their entertainment which takes place at the Star Theatre on New-Year's evening. The Indies and gentlemen who will appear are Miss Grace-Golden, Miss Rounle Thornton, Miss Queenle Vassar, Miss Clara Libman, the Auber Sisters, Miss Helen Judson, Miss Tessle Lanaton, Levy, J. W. Kelly, the Irish humorist: M. Marlus Signer Michelena, Lloyd Wilson, Arthur Pacle, William Broderick, the Fenz Erothers, Thomas Brown and Jerome Sykes.

A COUNTER SUIT FOR \$450,000. Chicago. Dec. 24.—A counter suit ngainst Rand.
McNally & Co. was filed in the Superior Court today by Charles R. Williams. Williams is the manwhom the big publishing firm recently charged with embezzling \$15,000 and the bill filed to-day purports to give another side of the story. In it Williams says that in 1875 he conceived the idea of publishing a bankers' directory and secured great encouragement from the bankers of Chicago and from other commercial He then, he says, made avrangements with Rand, McNally & Co. to publish the work, they to Hand, McNally & Co. to publish the work they to give him \$0.5 a week salary and one-half of the profits. Another stipulation, he alleges, was that the charges for printing publishing and binding were to be the actual cost of the work. A year later, complains williams, he was informed that the firm of Rand, work, and that until the book began to pay, salary would be decreased to \$25 a week. He being weak, in need of money and easily influenced, he say: he accepted the decrease, "never suspecting fraud," as the bill reads, and things went on so until 1877, when he began to view with suspicious the fact that the publication was not yielding him a profit. He accuses the firm of fixing the accounts so that the profits on the publication would appear to be enten up by the expenses. Williams demands \$400,000 as his affaire of profits and \$50,000 on account of salary.

THE SLAYER CAPTURED AFTER MANY YEARS Dresden, Tenn., Dec. 24.-"Tom" Brooks, who murdered a Mr. Lee in 1870, has just been lodged jail here. He had successfully avoided arrest in this week. All the witnesses of the crime are I living.

FOUND DEAD IN THEIR ROOMS. Baltimore, Dec. 24.-Four persons were found dead in their rooms this morning. At the Colored Home for the Aged two old women, Fannie Ward and Maria Jones, were asphyxiated by coal gas.

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